John Looney uncovered his hand the day he turned the batteries of his fifthy newspaper upon The Argus. If Looney had been the wise individual that his followers supposed him to be he would have remained behind the scenes and not disclosed his injured feelings in the Rock Island News when The Argus printed the friendly tip to the Rock Island city administration. When Looney attacked The Argus he assumed that he would close the eyes street walkers. Looney would have well as the promises contained in the printed statement of the sheriff and city attorney were being totally gnored. The Argus, as it pursued its in-Looney was not only having his commands carried out at the city hall, but that he was personally discovered that John Looney was not only having his commands carried out at the city hall, but that he was personally discovered that John Looney was not only having his commands carried out at the city hall, but that he was personally discovered that John Looney was not only having his commands carried out at the city hall, but that he was personally discovered that John Looney was not only having his commands carried out at the city at the city hall, but that he was personally discovered that John Looney was not only having his commands carried out at the city hall, but that he was personally discovered that John Looney was not only having his commands carried out at the city hall, but that he was personally discovered that John Looney was not only having his commands carried out at the city hall, but that he was personally discovered that John Looney was not only having his commands carried out at the city hall, but that he was personally discovered that John Looney was not only having his commands carried out at the city hall, but that he was personally discovered that John Looney was not only having his commands carried out at the city hall, but that he was personally discovered that he was personally discovered that John Looney was not only having his commands carried out at the city hall, but that he was

brazenness of the underworld element in the city. The answer of
the city administration to The
Argus was that any concerted move
looking to the suppression of the
underworld would invite attack
upon the administration by John
Looney in the Rock Island News.
The administration was frank to Rock Island News, Looney demandof Kruserer for
the disminstration of the dismins anything that would open the batteries of the filthy Lobney newspaper upon the city hall. The answer of The Argus to the city administration was that this newspaper did not consider John Looney any more important than any other citizen when such a question confrouted the community. The Argus served notice on the city administration that Rock Island was soing. was necessary to fight John Looney orders from Looney and instructed in order to bring relief to the community this newspaper was willing to face the task, though fully comment. scious of the indignities that would have to be borne until the desired

scious of the indignities that would have to be borne until the desired results were achieved.

Vice Ring Uncovered.

Investigators employed by The Argus found that with but few exceptions every place in Rock Island where the law was being violated, including hooch-selling bars, gambling rooms, houses of prostition, and pool halls and cigar stores, were paying tribute in the form of protection to a ring of which John Looney was the recognized head. These findings of The Argus were subsequently more than substantiated by the declaration of state investigators that there were 176 places in Rock Island from which this ring was collecting tribute. The disclosures printed in The Argus after a few weeks brought a joint signed statement from the city hall and the sheriff's office pledging the citizens of Rock Island an immediate suppression of from the city hall and the sheriff's office pledging the citizens of Rock Island an immediate suppression of all the vices complained of in the columns of this newspaper. The Argus accepted and printed that statement in good faith, but it had doubts that the promises would every be fuffiled. Subsequent developments established the wisdom of its conclusions. John Looney believed he could wield enough power with his blackmailing newspaper to stem the tide of public protest as reflected through The Argus against the activities of the underworld of which he was the chief promoter and baneficiary. Looney was consident of his capacity to retain laract the organization that he had perfected. He assumed that he had perfected he assumed that he had perfected he assumed that he had perfected he assumed to pening he was viciously attacked in the Looney newspaper, and was leation and boasted that only a question of time and boasted that only a question of time and force The Argus to a saids upon the city and a saids upon the city and a saids upon the city and a said a said

Hits a Tender Spot.

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ney attacked The Argus he as-ney attacked The Argus he as-ed that he would close the eyes columns of this newspaper to tuation from which it was after-these women removed from the citizenship by checking the public ed several members of the police brazenness of the underworld ele- department to assist him in raiding that it did not want to de ed the dismissal of Krueger for g that would open the bat-failure to assist a brother officer in f the filthy Looney newspa- making an arrest. Looney's printn to take

Son As Policeman.

Police Department Death Toll in Vice War







MINER DETECTIVE CHARLES WINANE

ring planned on a harvest during the national grotto convention in

Special Convention Levy. A special levy had been collected among the saloons and disorderly resorts on the promise that the city were preparing to swoop down upon the city during the convention.

far as the united corned.

One of those most disappointed was Bill Gabel. He had been paying liberally for something that he was not getting—protection. He told his story to a federal prohibition agent. He also turned over the local protection ring. In the meantime The Argus continued printing nightly the results of its investigations, in the course of which it charged the very things that were contained in the affidavits signed by Bill Gabel. Gabel was killed at midnight July 31 in front of his saloon, being shot down by men who had followed him there in an automobile. The next day The Argus printed on the same page with the story of the Gabel murder a 'statement of Mayor H. M. Schriver exonerating Chief of Police Thomas Cox of any responsibility the results of interest in solving the Gabel murder. There was not the Gabel murder that one hour after the murder the police department could have had locked up at least six men who were tion with the crime.

The Argus realized that a critical state of affairs had arisen in Bock with the story of the Gabel murder a 'statement of Mayor H. M. Schriver exonerating Chief of Police Thomas Cox of any responsibility

wanted to be on duty at the station while his brother, Policeman Charles Miner, was assigned as guard to Prohibition Agent E. C. Gosse. Called Outside Job.

The Argus refused to accept the theory of Chief of Police Cox that the murder of Gabel was an "outthe murder of Gabel was an "out-side job." Cox was asked for an explanation of certain suspicious oc-currences the night of the Gabel killing, and he did not heaftste to confess that he felt embarrassed-at the damaging coincidences, but that he did not have sufficient grounds on which to base the arrest of sev-eral characters who had been imon which to asse the arrest of sev-eral characters who had been im-mediately associated in the public mind as at least having knowledge of the plot to dispose of Gabel in order to prevent his personal ap-pearance as a supporter before the pearance as a supporter before the federal grand jury of the affidavits that he had given to Prohibition Agent Gosse. The Argus charged that Gabei was murdered in accordance with the decree of the Rock Island underworld government. The Argus charged the Rock Island police denartment with a unconcept. that John Looney was a visitor at the Rock Island police station less than an hour before Gabel was killed, and because The Argus made that statement Looney entered suit in the circuit court against this

John Looney instantiy stepped inhis cancelled checks to the agent. mailing newspaper in defending the And to strengthen his story he gave police department and the city adaffidavits supporting the facts that he told concerning the operations of and demands of the public as voiced

was in a demoralized condition, charging that for six months past his men had refused to carry out his orders to suppress vicious un-

remental authorities, proclaiming is virtues and denouncing those ast had connected him with any rougdoing. It was but natural at Looney should have lamented he death of his son, but what he the death of his son, but was the loss of the thousands most was the loss of the dollars that he was wringing the dollars that he was wringing dollars that he was wringing the was wringing the was wringing the dollars that he was wringing the was wringing

the power to suppress the News, but it lacked the courage to do it until it was forced by the thrust of accumulating public opinion and the prospect of an injunction asked by the attorney general of Illinois, who crime situation in order to deliver the community from the affliction with which it had been burdened Looney, when he saw his house of cards crumbling, grew uncontrollably mad and revengeful. He had convinced officialdom that he had the power with his blackmailing newspaper to silence The Argusor any other institution or individuals that might raise its voice against a continuance of the condi-

against a continuance of the condi-tions for which his organization charged that Mayor Schriver had scurrilous propaganda was to be dismissed the board members in started in a last desperate attempt order to protect Chief Cox; that to arouse such a turmoil among the Cox could not stand up under a full prominent and influential citizeneven an arrest of a suspect, despite any local experiment could have had some connection with the crime.

The Argus realised that a critical in The Argus even witnessed the spectrum of the lawless and of the department, and in the lawless alter of affairs had arisen in Rock listand. It had come to pass that the lawless element, in league with the police authorities, would not hesitate to take human life in exacting obedience to its laws and its

"While the campaign to heart of the campaign t

dinnane was a victim of his devo-tion to his superior officer, Charles Ginnane died rather than betray a friend or become a perjurer. Charles Ginane, if he had lived, would have been called as a wit-ness against Thomas Cox, former chief of police, with whom he had been intimately associated for the

Prosecution of those during the past few years rests in the hands of the attorney general of the results of the state investiga-tion as far as it has progressed. First and above all, Rock Island first and above all, Rock Island first and above all, Rock Island today is cleaner and safer than it today is cleaner, and safer than it who have betrayed the people's trust have been exposed. This in itself' is sufficient punishment no indictment when their trials are conducted in the courts. All of them stand convicted in the minds of the majority of the 35,000 people

The unpleasant warfare is not to be without its sweet and wholesome results. There is a better feeling manifest over the city. Men feel years. You're not going to be ter-rorized in future by such stories that cowboys are coming to take a threat being uttered in a civilized community of 35,000 souls! The man that uttered it is now in the it is a fugitive from justice

All Have Had Their Day. Officials of the future in Rock Island are going to go straight: There land in future, but the day when all underworld government car rise and override the decent citizenship has passed in Rock Island. The blackmaller, and the extortionist, and the gunman, and the grafter have had their day in Rock Island.

The 13th lighthouse district in particular that have had their day in Rock Island. Woe be to the man or set of men who dare to attempt the promotion for Rock Island because of the re-newed faith and security in the community. Within the year you're going to see several new buildings

strengthening of the five. jackets deposited in the dry in or ferdams. Captain W. M. Hoge, cor of engineers, was assigned to on the work. Operations on menced Oct. 17 on pier No. 1 fr the Iowa shore, and have to complete two, or possibly to

Milan Flood Protection.

An examination and survey

jurisdiction over 1,612 miles oriver, and the aggregate number of

Is the time for Rock Island to bestir itself! Its BIG opportunity is HERE.

Not next week, nor tomorrow, but TODAY.

Don't harken to the fellow who says: "Yes, but wait awhile." He and those like him are holding BACK the town's progress. Yes, we'belong to the Chamber of Commerce. Do you?

Individual effort is commendable but negligible when applied to a big undertaking. Big things are accomplished only by united intelligence, by concentrated effort.

A New Year resolution:

RESOLVED, that we do all within our power, capacity and means to build up Rock Island, to put this city of potential greatness where it belongs among the first. .



ROCK ISLAND